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## Eritreans claim winning st battle for Keren

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Guerrillas said Friday they have won the first  
battle for Keren, a major town they still  
hold after a 10-week offensive.  
Ethiopian government troops northern province.  
four days of fighting steep hills near the town, known as the Eritrean's Liberation Front  
said that more than government troops and men were killed and the was repulsed.  
an Ethiopian government issued by its embassy in London described the claim as "absolutely" and said the government recapture the town within

## Shah vows to continue privatization program

IRAN, Aug. 18 (R)—  
Shah of Iran has pledged recent riots in which at 15 people died will not affect his program to liberalize politics and launch a static system.  
rioting would not stop engine going ahead with early free parliamentary as due next June, he told reporters Thursday

Shah flew back to Tehran from a month-long holiday by the Caspian mid continuing tension by the riots, which flared last week in more than towns but now appear to die down.  
riots burned banks, cinemas and restaurants in several in what government men have called a conspiracy against the Shah's reformist by leftist exiles and some religious

There have been no reports of disturbances for three but the large city of Isfahan remains under martial law a night curfew imposed ago. In Tehran and towns, troops and riot have been patrolling outgoing religious meetings.

government Saturday restoration of the Shah's after the failure of an attempt by Premier Muhammad

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**Khaled  
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Suharto,  
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TAIF, Aug. 18 (SPA)—King Khaled has sent cables of congratulations to President Suharto of Indonesia and President Omar Bongo of Gabon on the occasion of their countries' independence day.

In his cable to President Suharto Thursday, King Khaled said:

"On behalf of the Saudi people and Government and on my personal behalf, I have the honor to convey to you our cordial congratulations, wishing you health and happiness and the brotherly people of Indonesia further progress and prosperity."

He told President Bongo: "On behalf of the Saudi people and Government and on my personal behalf, I availed myself of the opportunity of your country celebrating its independence to wish you health and happiness and the brotherly people of Gabon further progress and success."

But the EPLF appears to have decided to make its stand at Keren. The town is central

## Plot to topple government in Afghanistan unearthed

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Aug. 18 (Agencies) — A plot aimed at toppling the government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki in Afghanistan has been unearthed, Radio Kabul said Thursday night.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad by Radio Pakistan, said the plot was led by Defense Minister Brig.-Gen. Abdul Qadir. Abdul Qadir and a number of the co-conspirators have been arrested, the radio said.

Among several persons arrested with Abdul Qadir was chief of army staff Maj.-Gen. Shah Pur, according to a Friday broadcast.

Several prominent persons also expected to be named along with those arrested in the alleged anti-government plot as more details come to light.

The radio broadcast said another prominent person arrested during Thursday's swoop

down on anti-Taraki elements was Dr. Mir Ali Akbar, chief of the Jumhuri Hospital of Kabul. Both were arrested with Abdul Qadir, according to Kabul Radio quoted by Radio Pakistan.

Taraki has assumed the portfolio of the ministry of defense. Taraki will be assisted in his expanded work by Deputy Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin, the broadcast said.

Abdul Qadir was a major in the Afghan Air Forces until April this year. He led the April 27 military coup which toppled then President Sardar Muhammad Daoud. Daoud, several of his family members and a number of cabinet colleagues were killed in the bloody military coup.

This group included Defense Minister Brigadier General Abdul Qadir, chief of the army staff, Major General Shah Pur, and chief of the Jumhuri Hospital Dr. Mir Ali Akbar. All of them have been arrested.

Taraki's government has faced some internal opposition, both from pro-Daoud elements and from right-wing religious groups, who oppose the Soviet-backed leftist government of Taraki and his leftists Peoples Democratic Party.

## American balloonists complete first trans-Atlantic crossing

PARIS, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — Three jubilant American balloonists landed their "Double Eagle II" airship in a grainfield in Northern France Thursday to climax the world's first trans-Atlantic balloon crossing.

"I did it, dad, I did it, dad," wept crewman Larry Newman on his father's shoulder as he stepped from the craft to the cheers of hundreds of Frenchmen.

The balloonists told a Paris news conference Friday they hoped to balloon around the world in 30 days.

Fifty-one years after Charles Lindbergh's historic New York-Paris solo airplane voyage, the 11-story, 10,550-pound balloon carefully concluded its six-day, 5,000-kilometer voyage at 1750 GMT some 100 kilometers west of Paris, in the fading light of a beautiful summer evening.

"The reason we wanted to come to France was Charles Lindbergh," said Maxie Anderson added that balloons had begun in France, that men had tried to cross the Atlantic since 1873, "and we came here to complete history, not to make it."

Their flight — a world record for endurance lasting nearly six days — sent a flash of excitement through this nation.

Just as Lindbergh's plane was savaged by souvenir hunters before police rescued it, so the crowds trampled on the balloon. Some people even ripped off pieces of it with knives, nail files or even their fingers. Police rolled it up before much damage had been done.

Shortly after they landed President Jimmy Carter sent a telegram of congratulations saying that "individual acts of bravery and skill still capture our collective imagination."

The president also invited them to visit the White House.

The French government, whose Tricolor flew alongside the Stars and Stripes on their balloon as it landed, planned

## Carter: Failure of summit could trigger off M.E. war

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — President Carter has declared that a new Middle East conflict could flare up if next month's summit between the U.S., Egypt and Israel did not get peace negotiations moving again.

The president delivered his warning at a White House news conference Thursday, on the eve of his departure on holiday.

He called the meeting to be held between himself, Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat at his Camp David mountain retreat — a serious political risk with no guarantee of success.

"It is a very high risk thing for me politically, because now I think if we are unsuccessful at Camp David, I will certainly have to share part of the blame for that failure," he said. "But I don't see that I could do anything differently."

"I pray and hope the whole nation and the whole world will pray that we do not fail, because failure could result in a new conflict in the Middle East," the U.S. leader said.

Carter will return from his two-and-a-half week vacation only a day or so before the Sept. 5 summit.

The United States had no advance commitment from either leader to change his position.

But Carter said his quick assent to his hand-written invitations this month indicated acceptance of the principles he urged them to observe: A tilt to policies and flexibility at the summit itself.

Meanwhile Syria came out squarely against the Camp David summit with scathing attacks by President Hafez Assad

and his Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

"It's a new ambush for the Arab cause," said Assad of the forthcoming Camp David talks.

"Any results of the conference can only be against our interests," Assad told reporters after a meeting Thursday with visiting former Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh.

Assad's remarks were broadcast by the state Syrian radio two days after Khaddam ridiculed the scheduled summit.

Khaddam said: "Israel has stripped Sadat of all his political clothing since he embarked upon his ill-fated unilateral peace initiative in November."

Syria leads a hardline front in the Arab world that opposes Sadat's initiative.

Assad, however, did not rule out the chances of a negotiated settlement between Arab countries and Israel, "provided the proper conditions and climate are ensured."

He said Arab-Israeli talks could then be held at Geneva,

At the same time ministers began their own preparations for a political debate opening in the cabinet next Sunday to discuss Begin's new proposal for a partial agreement to be incorporated later into a permanent settlement, rather than interim agreements.

Begin announced three days ago that he was "ready" to discuss a partial agreement to make way for peaceful relations until we can obtain a treaty" during the Camp David talks.

He said he was referring to an agreement which would be part of a permanent peace settlement, not an interim agreement which would be only temporary."

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*'Giving lead to other states'*

## Kingdom's IFAD contribution nearly half agency's capital

RIYADH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's contribution to the International Fund for

### Islamic education planned

TAIF, Aug. 18 (SPA) — The Directorate of Scholarly Research, Fatwa, Propaganda and Guidance has in cooperation with the Supreme Council of the Judiciary, prepared a program for education in Islamic matters during this summer.

It includes a series of seminars and lectures at mosques in Taif. Religious leaders have been appointed for the mosques at the order of the directorate's chief, Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz and Sheikh Abdullah ibn Hamid.

Agricultural Development amounts to nearly half its capital, according to IFAD chairman Abdul Mohsen Al-Sudairi.

Interviewed by SPA, Sudairi, a Saudi himself, said that the Kingdom had given \$105.5 million of the Fund's \$220 million capital. By so doing, he said, the Kingdom had given the lead to other states.

He added that the Fund, a United Nations' specialized agency which the Kingdom had done much to see established, was the embodiment of cooperation between rich and poor countries.

Al-Sudairi reviewed IFAD's efforts in boosting agricultural production, reducing unemployment and checking famine in developing countries.

He pointed out that the fund was the first internation-

al body to have adopted Arabic in its charter as an official working language.

Furthermore, he said, according to the regulations for personnel, Islamic occasions were official holidays for IFAD.

### OIC head arrives in Turkey

ANKARA, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye, secretary general of the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference arrived here Friday on a five-day visit to Turkey.

He will confer with Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, the ministers of foreign affairs and culture and other Turkish officials.

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Rahman Herzi, economic aide to Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre, arrived here Thursday for talks with Islamic Development Bank (IDB) officials on increasing cooperation between the IDB and Somalia.

He was met at the airport by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and other bank officials.

RIYADH: Aug. 18 (SPA) — Registration for girls colleges and social service higher institutes will begin on Sept. 17. The General Directorate for

### Tanker board to meet in Taif

RIYADH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — The board of the Arab Maritime Petroleum Transportation Company will meet in Taif next month to discuss the state of the company and review its capital.

According to "Al-Jezira," issues to be discussed include the future of the company and a policy that would ensure its future in the international competition in the tanker industry.

The company is an offshoot of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Producing Countries (OAPEC).

The paper was quoting an official from OAPEC's secretariat.

### Barre aide to talk with IDB

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RIYADH: Aug. 18 (SPA) — Girls Colleges, an affiliate of the General Directorate for Women's Education, announced Thursday that registration will be open until Nov. 18.

### To boost branch activities

## Riyadh charity allocates SR2 million

RIYADH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — A total of SR2 million has been allocated to boost the activities of the Riyadh Philanthropic Society's 17 branches in the Central Province.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Salem, the society's secretary general, who announced the news Friday, said that the decision had been taken to assist branch offices in their humanitarian mission.

Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh and the society's president, has cabled his instructions to the heads of branch offices to form committees for helping deserving families during Ramadan, Salem added.

The Philanthropic Society of the Eastern Province has received further subscriptions from members.

They include SR50,000 from Sheikh Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Samhan, SR25,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahman Muhammad Abdul Karim, SR25,000 from Tamimi and Fuad Company, SR10,000 from Jamil Trading Establishment, SR10,000 from Dr. Afif Abdul Wahhab, Al-Sharq Hospital, Al-Khobar, SR7,000 from Sheikh Abu Bakr Bihaddad, SR5,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Aziz Al-Kazim, SR5,000 from Saleh Ahmed Al-Dukair, SR5,000 from Sheikh Saud ibn Abdullah Al-Shweir and SR1,000 from Said Bazqama.

Meanwhile, further donations received by the society include SR 101,000 from Muhammad and Abdullah Ibrahim Al-Sabaei, SR50,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Arif, SR50,000 from Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Juffali and Brothers, SR50,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Said Bugshan and Brothers, SR20,000 anonymously from Taif, SR100,000 anonymously from Riyadh and SR5,000 ano-

nymously from Dammam.

The Governor of Eastern Province, Prince Abdul Mohsen Jalawi, who is also president of the society, has sent letters of thanks and apprecia-

tion to all the donors and subscribers for their act of kindness.

Meanwhile, it was announced Thursday that the Committee for the Release of Bankrupts has

donations totalling \$500,000 to help in the release of

prisoners, it was announced here Thursday.

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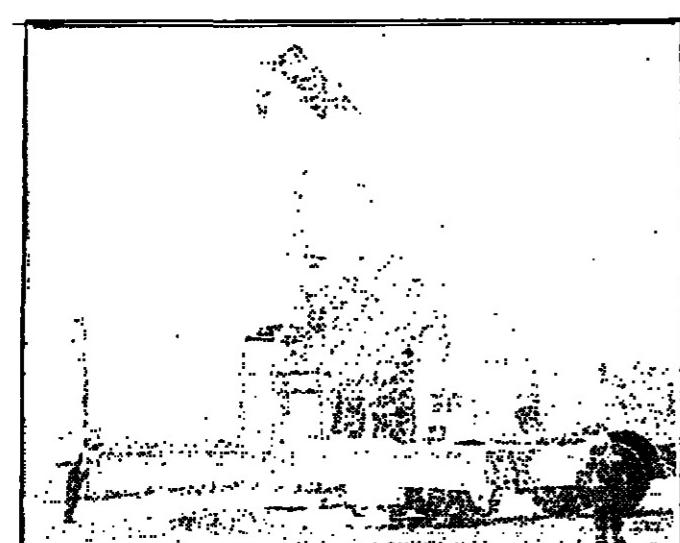
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## Arafat, Tlas assert solidarity of Syria with Palestinians

DAMASCUS, Aug. 18 (R) — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat Friday described the Syrian capital as the Hanoi of the Palestinian revolution.

And Syria's deputy commander in chief of the armed forces and defense minister, Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlas, compared

**5 new cases**  
of cholera  
**'TER** in Bahrain

BAHRAIN, Aug. 18 (R) — Five new cases of cholera were discovered in Bahrain this week, raising to 12 the number reported since August 10; a health official was quoted Friday as saying.

The daily "Akbar al-Khalil" quoted health ministry under-secretary Ibrahim Yacoub as saying none had died and most of them had been discharged from hospital.

### Nathan returns to Israel as Lebanon rejects gifts

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18 (Ar) — Israeli radio pursue Abie Nathan sailed back to Israel after 10 days of frustration spent trying to give his cargo or medicine and emergency supplies to victims of fighting in Lebanon.

Nathan told the Associated Press that he sailed from Israel 10 days ago with "the assurance of international Red Cross officials here that the ambulance, medical supplies, clothing and toys on board would be accepted in Beirut."

But as Nathan approached the Lebanese capital, Lebanese officials told him to turn back and Red Cross officials would not sail out to his ship and unload the donations he had brought "for all the Lebanese people."

After sailing up and down the Lebanese coast for one week, Nathan was ordered out

of his country to North Vietnam. He said Damascus was a solid base of the Palestinian commando movement.

Arafat and Gen. Tlas were speaking at the graduation near Damascus of about 1,000 young Fatah guerrillas, all aged 15 and under.

The theme of the speeches was solidarity of the armed struggle between Syria and the Palestinian commando movement as the ideal method to recover Arab territory and Palestinian rights.

Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is also head of Fatah, the biggest commando group. Arafat said: "From this land — the land of Saladin, (Syrian President) Hafez Assad, the Palestinian revolution and the Arab nation... we affirm to (President) Carter, (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin and hirdeens in the Arab homeland that we shall not kneel and will not enable them

to liquidate the Palestinian revolution. We are marching to victory."

Praising Syrian-Palestinian solidarity, Arafat added: "This solidarity is historical, national and pan-Arab. Damascus is the Hanoi of the Palestinian revolution."

There were many conspiracies against Palestinians, he added.

### Jalloud, Zia hold 2-hour meeting

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 18 (AP) — Libyan Vice President Abdul Salam Jalloud had more than two hours of discussions with Pakistani head of government Gen. Muhammed Zia ul Haq.

Jalloud and his 50-member entourage flew into Islamabad Tuesday for a three day visit to Pakistan.

Official sources said the talks were held "in an atmosphere of cordiality and friendliness." The talks covered "mostly the bilateral relations, particularly economic cooperation between Libya and Pakistan."

### Two Greeks defect to Turkey

KUSADASI, Turkey Aug. 18 (R) — Two Greek soldiers who crossed into Turkey from the Greek island of Samos were questioned by authorities in this resort town Friday, the local public prosecutor said.

"I'm just frustrated," Nathan said, "and it will be a long time before I start something like this again. After all the time and trouble and money I spent, and the dangers my crew and I faced, I see that people don't want my help."

Prosecutor Aygun Sogali said Konstantinos Mavromatis and Teodoros Yanilis, both aged 20, who crossed the few miles from Samos to the Turkish coast by boat early Thursday had said they intended to apply for asylum in Turkey.

## Syria: Israel's expulsion from U.N. is not far away

GENEVA, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — Syria has warned that Israel's expulsion from the United Nations was "not far away" and called for the international economic sanctions currently in force against Rhodesia to be applied also to the Zionist state.

In a statement to the conference to combat racism being held here, the Syrian ambassador to the United Nations' Geneva office, Dia-allah el Fattal, said his country was "reassured that the day when the international community will deprive Israel of its membership in the United Nations is not far away."

He also said Syria felt confident that U.N. member states "will not fail in imposing upon Israel sanctions" laid down by the U.N. Charter.

Israel has joined the United States in boycotting the 10-day conference because of the 1975 resolution adopted by

### Jordan to get rare species of antelope

MORGES, Switzerland, Aug. 18 (AP) — Specimens of one of the world's rarest species of antelope are to be sent from the United States to Jordan and East Germany under a special program organized by the World Wildlife Fund.

Four female Arabian oryx will shortly be flown to Jordan in an attempt to re-introduce the species into its desert homeland, where it is believed to be extinct in the wild, a fund statement said Friday.

In addition, the antelope will also be sent to zoos in East Berlin, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hanover, it added.

All the creatures come from the so-called "World Herd" of Oryx established in Phoenix, Arizona following the capture for breeding of three endangered specimens in Arabia. The herd has since expanded to other U.S. cities.

the U.N. General Assembly equating Zionism with racism.

Fattal said many states and individuals at the U.N. conference considered it an offence to ideals of justice that "the issue of Zionism is being on purpose evaded" at a time when Israel had publicly announced new Jewish settlements on Arab lands and property.

### U.S., Israel sign new air agreement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) — The United States and Israel have signed a new civil aviation agreement that is expected to lead to lower air fares between the two countries and will allow Israel's chief airline to land in four more U.S. cities.

The agreement grants Israel two new landing points of its choosing in the United States, in addition to New York where El Al airliners currently land. Israel will pick another two cities after one year.

U.S. officials said it was their understanding that Israel would choose Chicago and Miami as landing points immediately and Boston and Los Angeles in one year.

Israeli officials, however, have not officially announced which cities they will pick.

The agreement, signed by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, also provides for unrestricted charter flights for airlines of both countries.

Christopher said the agreement will lead to a 28 percent cut in the cost of flights by El Al airlines, to and from the United States.

Dinitz believed this was the most liberal air agreement ever.

## Two bombs discovered in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18 (AP)

Two homemade bombs were discovered under cucumber stands in Tel Aviv's Carmel market Thursday.

A police spokesman said he believed the devices, planted

in cigarette packages, were jured when a homemade bomb exploded under a stand selling clothing in the open air market.

The Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for that blast.

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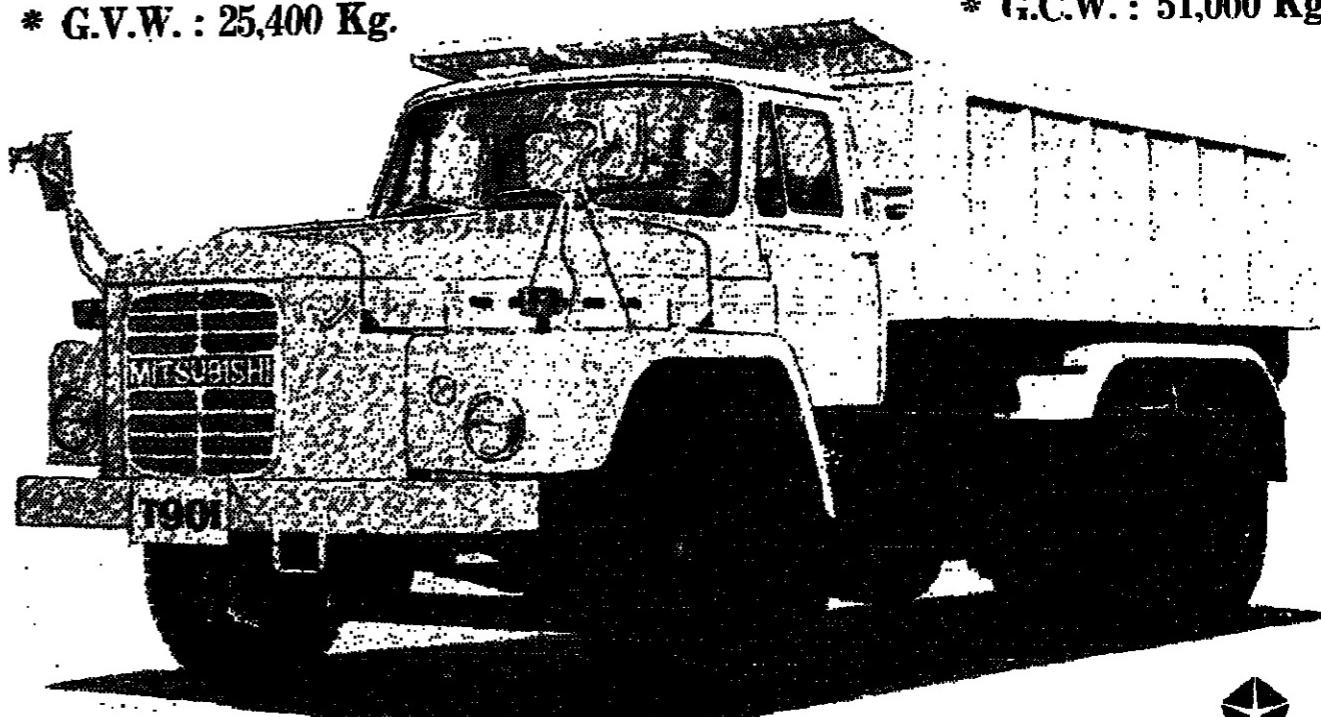
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## Croatians free six hostages after 10-hour Chicago siege

CHICAGO, Illinois Aug. 18 (UPI) — Two Croatian terrorists burst into the West German Consulate Thursday and took eight persons hostage at gunpoint, but surrendered unconditionally 10 hours later and released their six remaining prisoners unharmed.

The Croatians, both reportedly living in the Chicago area, had demanded the release of their countryman Stepin Bilandzic, recently convicted in Germany of the attempted murder of a Yugoslav diplomat.

The surrender came shortly before 8 p.m. (4 a.m. Saudi Time), in the building on posh Michigan Avenue. The terrorists, well-dressed men identified only as "Mike" and "Clob," were whisked away in a police car into the custody of the FBI.

One of the key negotiators, police said, was Bilandzic's brother.

### Mystery blast kills man on Philippines airliner

MANILA, Aug. 18 (R) — A mystery explosion ripped a hole in the skin of a Philippines Airliner Friday, killing one passenger who was sucked out of the plane, and injuring four others.

It was the second time in three years that the same plane, a British-built BAC 1-11 twinjet of the Philippine Airlines (PAL), has been damaged by an explosion, airline sources said.

They said the plane, carrying 78 passengers and six crew, was 40 minutes out from the central city of Cebu on a domestic flight to Manila when the blast occurred in its left rear toilet.

Veteran pilot Antonio Misa, 57, managed to land the de-pressurized plane safely at Manila's Air Force base 15 minutes later, after first diving sharply from 24,000 feet to 10,000 feet.

Cause of the blast was not immediately known, but airline sources said military investi-

gators thought it might have been a plastic explosives device.

There was speculation that the incident might be connected with rebels in the southern Philippines, who claimed credit for two domestic flight hijackings in 1976.

Minutes before Friday's blast, when the plane was about 120 miles south of Manila, a man was seen entering the lavatory. He was sucked out of the blast hole as a result of the sudden depressurization.

Oxygen masks dropped automatically in front of the passengers enabling them to breathe in the thin air while the plane was diving.

The airline sources said the plane was damaged during a flight in 1975 in which a hand grenade went off, killing one person and injuring 45 others.

For Captain Misa, who is also president of the Philippines Airline Pilots' Association, it was his second dramatic in-flight experience.

### At U.K. research plant

### More workers suspected of radiation overdoses

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP) — Nine more workers at Britain's atomic warfare research plant have apparently received overdoses of radioactive plutonium, the Ministry of Defense has said.

The statement followed positive overdose results Tuesday on three women who worked in the laundry of the establishment at Aldermaston, 30 miles west of London.

In none of the cases there is evidence of physical harm, said the ministry.

The standard exceeded is the International Commission on Radiological Protection's recommended limit, an official said, but he could not say what actual dose of radiation this represented.

The nine men found Wednesday to be apparently contaminated have been withdrawn from all contact with radioactive materials pending further

tests to verify the findings of "whole body monitoring."

"Whole body monitoring," a practice instituted this year, has been used on 90 persons so far, the official said, and results on 78 of them have been negative.

In the case of the men, "even at the worst estimated levels, there is not likely to be any harmful effect."

The men worked in various parts of the plant.

The women are not believed to be in any danger either, the ministry said Tuesday, although plutonium levels concentrated in their lungs were twice the internationally recognized safety levels.

Because of the discovery the laundry, which washes the protective clothing worn by research workers, has been closed down and the women given jobs in safer areas.

### Ex-CIA man arrested for spying

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) — A 23-year-old former U.S. Central Intelligence Agency employee has been arrested in suburban Chicago on charges of delivering a national defense document to the Soviet Union.

William P. Kampiles, a sales representative for a drug company in suburban Chicago, was arrested on the basis of a complaint filed before a U.S. magistrate in Chicago, the FBI said, adding that Kampiles was charged with giving the Soviets a document relating to the "KH-11 System Technical Manual" which was classified top secret.

The FBI complaint alleged that Kampiles gave the document to a Soviet by the name of "Michael" on or about March 2, 1978, in Athens, and was paid \$3,000.

Kampiles was employed as a watch officer for the CIA from March to November 1977.

He allegedly took the document from CIA headquarters while working there and kept it when he moved to Chicago.

### Deadlock seen in N.Y. news strike talks

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP) — A federal mediator says neither side appears ready to make "any major concessions" in the pressmen's strike that has crippled the city's three major newspapers for nine days.

Despite that, Kenneth Moffet, deputy director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, said Thursday he called a meeting because it is imperative to get the talks going again due to the "serious implications of this strike."

Moffet said he had talked with the publishers of the "New York Times," "Post" and "Daily News" and with negotiators during Thursday's one-day recess and felt both sides were stanch in their positions on the issue of the number of pressmen needed to run printing presses.

The strike expanded Thursday to include the paperhandlers, who set up picket lines at the "Times" and "News" and said they would begin picketing the "Post" Friday.

The leaders of 10 newspaper unions met Thursday. The news papers employ about 10,000 persons.

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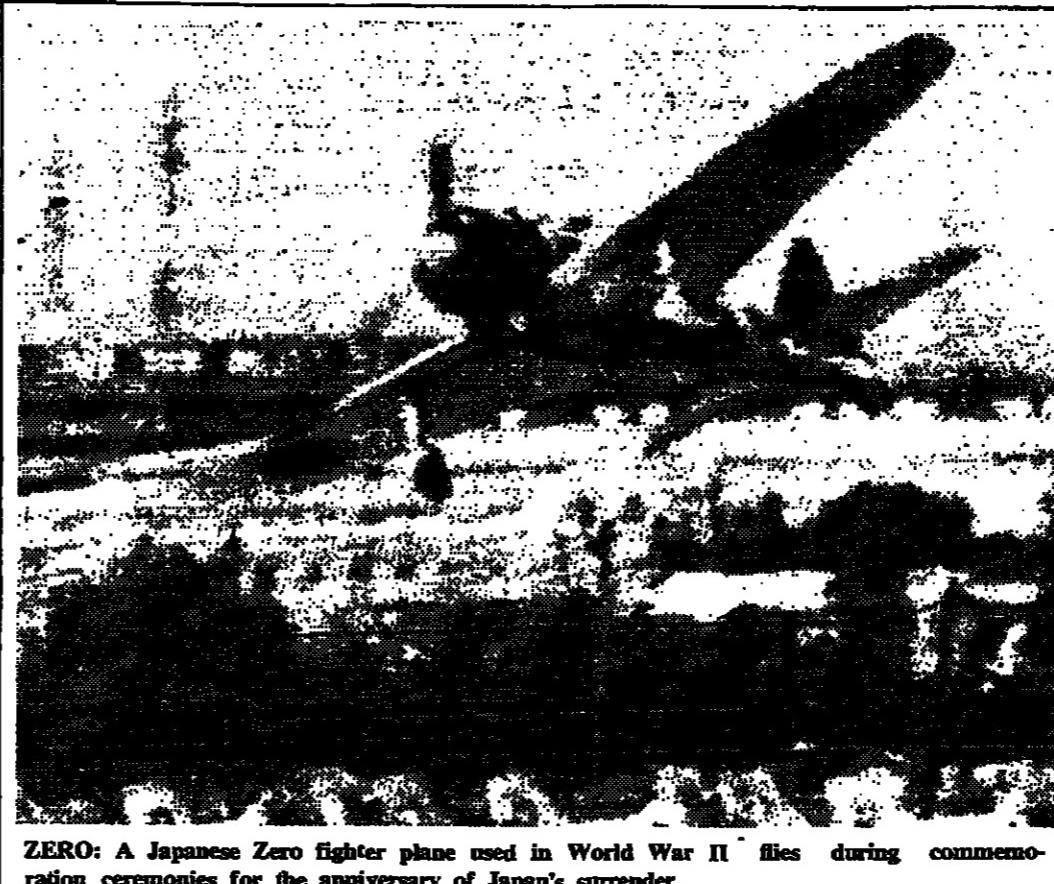
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ZERO: A Japanese Zero fighter plane used in World War II flies during commemoration ceremonies for the anniversary of Japan's surrender.

## Soviet court drops case against two American reporters

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (AP) — A Soviet court dropped its case against two American reporters Friday, saying widespread publicity has made retraction of a "libelous" story unnecessary.

But Judge Lev Almazov said he would inform the Soviet Foreign Ministry he considered the conduct of reporters Craig R. Whitney of the "New York Times" and Harold D. Piper of the "Baltimore Sun" "disrespectful to the court."

Both reporters have stayed away from the court hearings on their case. Neither was present Friday, although they were represented by Soviet lawyer David M. Axelbart.

Almazov's action leaves open the possibility the Foreign Ministry could take some action against the reporters. A prosecutor had asked that the ministry remove their press accreditation, a move that would mean they would have to leave the country.

Almazov said he was discontinuing the case after the plaintiff, the Soviet Committee on Radio and Television, said it was no longer demanding the retraction because its honor had been vindicated by news coverage of the case.

Whitney and Piper were found guilty at a July 18 hearing of slandering Soviet television in stories they wrote casting doubt on the authenticity of the televised confession by Georgian dissident Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

They were ordered to print retractions and to pay fines and court costs. Their newspapers refused to print retractions, but have paid the fines and court costs.

Almazov quoted the plaintiffs' letter as saying that because of wide publicity in the press, including the "New York Times" and "Baltimore Sun" themselves, "the world public has had an opportunity to see for itself that the articles by Piper and Whitney were libelous and that Gamsakhurdia's confession was genuine and voluntary."

Gamsakhurdia testified at the July 18 hearing, saying his confession was not a misrepresentation of his views, as Whitney and Piper had suggested.

Because of the publicity, the

letter said, the printing of a retraction would now be irrelevant.

Piper told correspondents after the hearing that he was delighted the court proceedings had come to an end. "I do not feel this is a method that can be used too often," he said.

"If every time a correspondent writes something that the authorities do not like he is brought into court, it would end up making the Soviet Union look ridiculous."

Whitney said, "I am glad that the case is finally over although I deplore the fact that it went so far."

"It is important that a Soviet court has failed to dictate to American newspapers what they may print in the U.S. I hope the way this has ended will discourage any attempt in future to use the same methods against the correspondents of any country."

Almazov told the courtroom, where only Western reporters were in attendance, that he would have proceeded with the case if he had not received the letter from Soviet Radio and Television.

Two court-imposed deadlines passed this summer with the "Times" and the "Sun" refusing to print the court-ordered retractions.

But the newspapers paid fines levied by the court of 50 rubles (\$73) each and court costs totalling 2,283 rubles (\$3,424).

### Hundreds feared drowned in Indian flooding

NEW DELHI, Aug. 18 (AP) — Hundreds of persons reportedly have drowned as large areas of 10 Indian states have been flooded this week following prolonged monsoon rains.

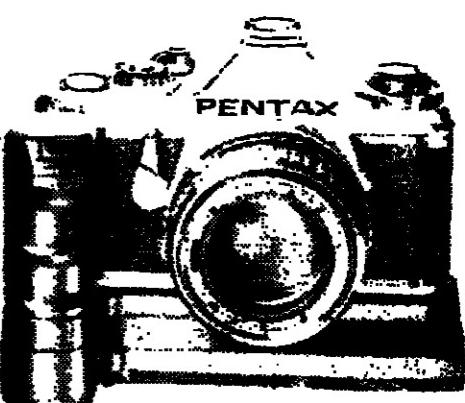
In the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, the worst hit, floods have caused an estimated damage of \$168 million, to roads, buildings and crops. More than 250 persons reportedly have drowned.

While other states were still preparing estimates of the damage caused by the floods, Uttar Pradesh has already requested the central government to provide \$94 million to repair roads, bridges, communication lines and to furnish seeds and pesticides to farmers whose crops were destroyed.

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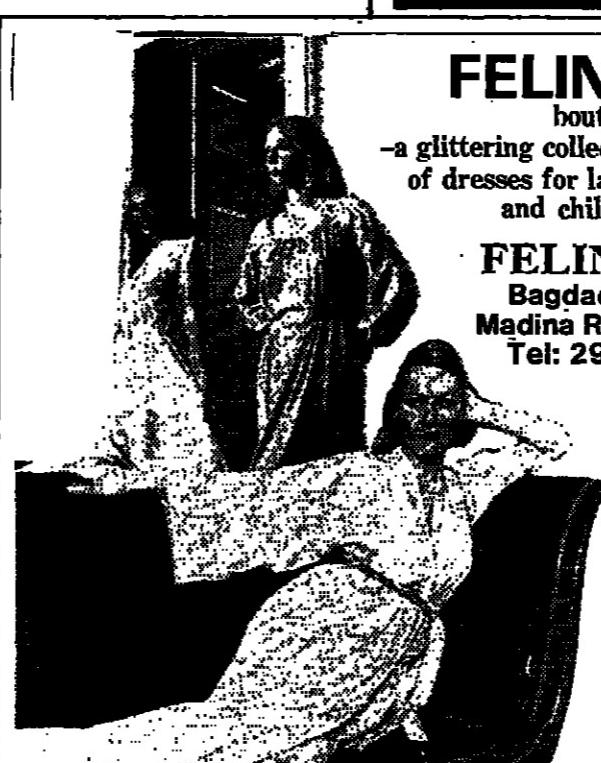
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# U.S. discount rate increased to 7.75%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UPI) — The Federal Reserve Board Friday fired the shot in America's attack escalators against the dollar, raising its discount rate 3 per cent from 7.25 per

discount rate is the rate Federal Reserve, the U.S. bank, charges member when they borrow from increase effective from day — brings the rate to its level since January

discount rate is no long-influencing U.S. interest. But it gives the best in on financial markets the Fed's thinking in rates.

Increasing the discount the board hopes to push interest rates higher, making the dollar a more attractive by offering a better return than they get elsewhere.

The Fed said the action taken "in view of recent developments in foreign exchange markets, as well as continuing serious domestic inflationary problem."

President Carter has told Chairman G. William Miller Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal to devise of stopping the decline of dollar on world foreign exchange markets.

A discount rate was last d on July 3 when it was raised to 7.25 per cent from 7 per cent.

Bern, the Swiss government, Thursday announced it taking new action to slow appreciation of the Swiss against the dollar and major Western currencies it said posed a threat Switzerland's economy.

communique issued after two-day cabinet meeting expressed "great concern" at the development and said the rise of the Swiss franc's rise "not in relation with economic realities."

London, the dollar marking in money markets Friday amid nervous reaction to

## Sudan rationing fuel

Khartoum, Aug. 18 (AP) — Heavy rains washed out the railroad tracks linking Port Sudan with the capital Khartoum and other regions of Sudan forcing the government Friday to ration fuel.

A government decision said private cars would be allowed five gallons of fuel every three days and public vehicles would have double that amount.

A combination of heavy rains and limited hard currency has caused on and off fuel shortages in Sudan for the past three years.

Sudan imports its fuel from Iraq and Kuwait and has been bartering cotton for oil with Egypt. But a hard currency shortage is causing irregular fuel imports.

Fuel, like other supplies imported at Port Sudan, is distributed throughout the country by railroad. But recurrent rail washouts during the rainy season has aggravated fuel shortage and led to long line-ups at gas stations in Khartoum, 400 miles southeast of Port Sudan.

The fuel shortage is also adversely affecting agriculture and irrigation, mechanized in many parts of Sudan. One of the areas most affected is Gezira, in central Sudan where the government owned cotton plantations are the backbone of the country's economy.

Autumn is the rainy season in Sudan. When it started about three weeks ago some 100 villages were completely destroyed and 500,000 persons made homeless as a result of subsequent floods. Also, 1.5 million acres of the 2.2 million cropland were destroyed.

Carter's pronouncement of "deep concern" about the American currency's future.

The dollar, which has plummeted in value against other currencies in recent months, in some cases held its own despite widespread disappointment with Carter's failure to announce specific measures to prop-up at Carter's statement.

The dollar closed in Tokyo at 186.025 yen, up almost one yen from Thursday's close, but only after Bank of Japan intervention amid disappointment at Carter's statement.

"The most you can say is that Carter's statement dissuaded dealers from selling dollars," one London broker commented.

What was certain was that Carter's statement backed by Blumenthal's pledge that measures would soon be taken to aid the U.S. currency slowed down a disastrous run on the dollar on the sensitive foreign exchanges.

However, dealers remained sceptical just how far Carter was willing to go to halt the dollar's 15-month decline and jeopardize U.S. trade. The dollar's slump has meant that U.S. exports have become more attractive because they are cheaper.

One London dealer commented cautiously: "There's the possibility of the U.S. taking action to make its currency more attractive, but it's just too early to start selling again. Every day that Washington fails to do something, the pressure on the dollar will build."

The dollar opened strongly in Europe in the wake of Carter's statement, but by the end of the day it had slipped back and closed little changed from Thursday.

Normally, that would have been a good day for the dollar, but on jumpy foreign exchange markets it was, despite Carter's remarks, pretty negative in nervous, erratic trading.

A Paris dealer commented: "We're waiting for initiatives from Washington."

Many dealers surmised that Carter's statement was designed to give the much-tattered dollar a breathing space with the promise of action to quieten foreign critics, but was not aimed at any meaningful support of the currency until it was to Washington's advantage.

## W. German oil imports decline 18.9 per cent

BONN, Aug. 18 (AP) — West German oil imports declined 18.9 per cent to \$4.6 billion dollars worth about \$4.6 billion in the first half of 1978 compared with the same period in 1978, the economic ministry said.

The ministry said oil imports totalled 43.8 million tons down 8.3 per cent from 47.8 million tons in 1977.

In the first six months of 1978, the oil imports share of the country's 120.373 billion marks (about \$60.187 billion) in imports fell to 7.9 per cent from 10.1 per cent of the first half of 1977.

Imports from Arab oil-producing countries declined disproportionately. On a value basis, oil imports from Arab lands totalled 5.6 billion marks, off 27.0 per cent from 7.7 billion marks in the year-ago period. On a volume basis, oil imports from Arab lands were off 18.3 per cent at 25.4 million tons from 31.1 million tons in the year-earlier period.

Because of the sharp decline in Arab oil imports, West Germany registered a trade surplus of 1.208 billion marks in the 1978 first half against a deficit of 307.4 million marks in the year-ago period.

Excluding oil imports, West Germany's trade surplus with Arab countries narrowed to 6.830 billion marks in the 1978 half from 7.392 billion marks in the same period last year.

French tycoon, Boussac, loses textile business

PARIS, Aug. 18 (R) — French textile tycoon Marcel Boussac, 89, who recently sold his string of racehorses and a Paris daily newspaper in an attempt to save his business empire, has lost the battle.

He agreed Friday to hand over control of his textile business, including the Christian Dior fashion house, to another industrial group — a move ordered by the Paris Commercial Court.

Last May the same court granted a three month moratorium on debts of the Boussac group — \$837 million francs (about \$170 million).

Main shareholders of the Agache-Willot group taking over remaining industrial holdings of Boussac that once made him reputedly the richest man in France are the four brothers Antoine, Bernard, Jean-Pierre and Regis Willot. Their interests range from textile to department stores.

It was only last June that Boussac, whose 21 plants in the textile industry earned him the title "king of cotton," threw his personal fortune into the battle to save the crumbling empire.

It included the blue blooded string of racehorses — among

them the three-year-old Cot Acamas which the same month gave him his 12th French derby win. Also sold were the conservative Paris daily "L'Aurore" and its sister racing paper "Paris-Turf": a stud farm, chateaux and a country estate, property in Paris and a fat portfolio of shares, leaving aside enough for only his personal needs.

Spinning and weaving mills in the Vosges Forest of eastern France provided the bulk of Boussac's wealth and it was a second empire based on fashion, horse-racing and the press, that he put up for sale as private assets worth an estimated 800 million francs (\$150 million).

The Agache-Willot takeover announced Friday means that the firm headed by the four brothers will honor all the Boussac group debts, trade union officials told reporters.

The rescue plan involves the dismissal of 700 of about 7,000 Boussac employees, most of them working in unprofitable factories in the eastern Vosges, and paying off 600 others under an early retirement plan.

Agache-Willot sources said the cost of the operation was in the region of 700 million francs (\$140 million).

**Economic Briefs**

● BRUSSELS: The nine European Common Market nations sharply improved their balance-of-payments situation with third countries in 1977, boosting exports to petroleum producing countries, the Soviet Union and the Third World, according to an EEC statistical office study issued Friday.

● BONN: Nikolaus Fasolt, successor to federation of German industry President Hanns Martin Scheyer, resigned Friday.

● TOKYO: — The trade conference, an advisory body on trade to Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, Friday urged the government to try to stabilize the value of the yen. The conference, composed of representatives from industrial, banking, and trade fields, met in Tokyo.

day in the wake of a tax fraud conviction. Schleyer had been kidnapped and slain by terrorists.

● JEDDAH: The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency announced Friday the following foreign exchange rates based on the average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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## Iran hopeful to locate own uranium deposits

TEHRAN, Aug. 18 (R) — An Iranian government minister has reported hopeful prospects in Iran's efforts to locate its own uranium deposits to fuel the country's big nuclear power program.

We have very optimistic and hopeful information about what is going on," Information and Tourism Minister Darioush Homayoun told a press conference. He gave no details of progress in Iran's three-year-old uranium prospecting program scheduled to last another seven years.

Excluding oil imports, West Germany's trade surplus with Arab countries narrowed to 6.830 billion marks in the 1978 half from 7.392 billion marks in the same period last year.

He confirmed recent statements by informed sources here that agreements on nuclear

## Texaco: Oil struck in test well

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP) — Texaco Inc. said Friday it had found a small amount of oil in its exploratory well in the Atlantic Ocean 160 kilometers off New Jersey.

The company also said it had located an additional source of natural gas in the well, which produced the first natural gas strike off the U.S. east coast Sunday.

The company said the oil found in the well was not of a very high quality, but a spokesman said, "it's an indication there may be something else."

"It's a bonus actually," he said. "We weren't expecting it."

The discovery was made at a depth of 3,900 meters in the 4,500-meter deep well.

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## DIRE TEST

The troubles in Iran are giving the Arabs, especially in those states neighboring Iran, cause for great worry. They are worried for Iran, a neighbor sharing a great common heritage with the Arabs, and for themselves on the assumption that developments in Iran are bound to influence the state of affairs in the whole region in view of Iran's political and economic importance.

The reasons for the troubles are well known: The Shah's White Revolution has placed him in an unenviable position between the hammer of the conservative and feudal elements in the country and the anvil of leftist radicalism. The conservatives feel that the Shah's reforms are encroaching on their power while the leftists see them as sham progressiveness mainly designed to take the wind from their sails. The two sides are wrong but this is not the first time that the extreme right and left have joined hands against the center nor will it be the last. Historically, the two extremes betray more similarities with one another, like intolerance of other political hues, than between either of them and the center which is nearer geographically to either side.

Caught in the middle, the Shah has openly hinted at American involvement and has also accused the radical Palestinians. The latter, few among their own people, lack the ability to influence events in such a powerful country as Iran but the Americans are a different thing. American involvement, be it in Iran or in changing weather patterns, has been an "in" thing for decades now. It is the "shic" theory that has never gone out of fashion. The Shah has his own sources of information upon which he draws his own conclusions. But let us consider the theoretical aspects of the "American connection." Its protagonists see a spot of oil marring Iran-American relations. To reach the conclusion that the U.S. is forsaking Iran, they list the following reasons:

—The Soviet Union will need to import oil in the '80s (a CIA report has already confirmed this) and since oil has become the lifeline of any industrial society the Soviet Union will go to war if it is denied access to oil sources.

—Iran has just the right amount of expensive oil to meet Soviet needs in the '80s and possibly the '90s.

—Iran shares a common border with the Soviet Union so there is no need to involve or upset third parties and it has always had a strong leftist movement which can deal with Moscow.

But if the U.S. is ready to sacrifice Iran on the altar of demente why has it built it into such a formidable military power? The theoreticians have a simple answer for that: The U.S. has erred. To expound on the "mistake" theory, the theoreticians note that the U.S. has grossly erred in the past: militarily in Vietnam and economically over oil. The Vietnam mistake needs no special comment but the oil factor goes like this: The U.S. pumped its oil wells dry before it realized that it lost its strategic reserves and fell at the mercy of the Arabs and other producers. This is good for us Arabs, otherwise the oil weapon would have been blunt, but it is not good for America which could have saved its own oil and imported what it needed to preserve its ability to defy any embargo by threatening to pump its own oil. Now that it has squandered its natural reserves it is planning to build underground sites to pump oil back in. So, the theoreticians argue, the U.S. committed a mistake in building the Iranian arsenal without anticipating the Soviet Union's energy needs.

In the final analysis, the whole "American connection" may be sheer fantasy. The Arabs hope that it is so because the assumption, if it exists, is that Iran's troubles will be limited to Iran. Arabs feel that if there are to be changes in Iran they will be affected too. So they pray that Iran and their countries are spared the dire test. For the time being, the Arabs look askance at developments inside their big neighbor. The Arabs say that "if your neighbor shaves his beard, start wetting yours."



## Casino Wall Street

B Nicholas Von Hoffman

WASHINGTON

That clatter you hear in the background is the boys beating the drums for the newest name on the list of the deserving needy ... the New York stock market. People must buy stocks to pull America out of the doldrums — which means cutting the capital gains tax.

Cut capital gains and the Dow Jones will surge, rush, zoom and leap forward 500 points. American businessmen will have money to buy new machines and employ more people...but only if that tax is cut because investors won't risk their money if they have to hand over their profits to the federal tax racketeers.

Nevertheless there are other causes, having nothing to do with taxes, for the fact five million fewer investors are in the market than there used to be.

One of the causes is the belief that stock prices are dishonestly rigged. You don't have to read the smudged mimeographed sheets distributed by muscle, socialist corporates to be exposed to the opinion there is massive law-breaking in the stock market. Look at the business press. Read Robert Bleiberg in "Barons" (July 24th): "... illegal trading on inside information is running riot up and down Wall Street."

A jockey who bets against the favorite because he knows, while the betting public doesn't, that the horse has a chest cold is cashing in on insider information. The president of a company who secretly buys stocks after he learns of a new

lucrative merger offer is also cashing in on insider information and breaking the law. This law is broken so often that the "Wall Street Journal" reported there is circumstantial evidence that there was illegal insider traffic in the stocks of 27 out of 30 companies subject to merger offers in April and May of this year alone.

If any potential investors read the market is a swindle in the most respected organs of the business press it's absurd to go fishing for fancy explanations for the refusals of buyers to volunteer to get their pockets picked. Nor is that the only kind of readily available summer business news to scare off buyers.

In "Business Week" they can learn about the bankruptcy of the Washington Group, Inc., whose chief executive officer was Smith Bagley, President Carter's friend and frequent host. In a complicated set of deals it appears that Bagley and an associate borrowed money, bought a company with it and then made the company liable for the debt. Not a very nice deal for the company's stockholders, nor is that all.

Stockholders see their money sunk into bombastically designed, horrendously expensive headquarters buildings and into fancypants private jets. They look at their shrunken, mishapened investments, their flat dividend checks and listen to the screaming about ending tax deductions, so they sell out and buy bonds or real estate or antique toys — anything that will hold its value.

It's no wonder a lot of folks prefer the risk of real estate.

Would-be stock market investors remember Avon. In the past five years the value of Avon stock has fallen 65 per cent, which adds up to a \$5 billion beating for the company.

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## The 'sand-happy' creations of Charlene Peattie

By Edna Greene

DHAIRAN — To many in Saudi Arabia, the ever-present sand can be a nuisance. Not so for Charlene Peattie. Charlene has combined a creative talent with the area's most plentiful natural resources to produce a line of charming desert creatures. Her sand-product menagerie consists of camels, sleepy donkeys,

keys, wise owls, and a creature she created herself which she calls a "Sand Happy" trademark.

Long an enthusiast of arts and crafts, Charlene found it difficult to obtain needed art supplies here and began experimenting with local materials as an art medium. While driving to Dammam after a rain, she noticed slabs of clay by

Some of Charlene Peattie's sand creations

the road and picked some up to bring home. She also purchased clay from the potters at the caves of Jebel Al-Garrash on a trip to Hofuf. Using a combination of clay and a "play dough" mixture, she fashioned small owls which she baked to hardness in her own oven. During an art show at Aramco in 1974, she displayed these little creatures

in the sand.

"Why should I add any thing?" She asks. "Nature has done it all for me. The natural beauty of the desert has always inspired me. I love the soft colors and the graceful contours of desert scenery."

Charlene is not a newcomer to these desert scenes she enjoys. She came to Saudi Arabia in 1957 to teach at the Aramco schools. While here she met and married Ed Peattie, then an Aramco engineer. After a few years back in the States, they returned to Saudi Arabia in 1973 when Dr. Peattie joined the faculty at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

It is just the soft desert colors and lines that have made Charlene's items popular. As her talent became known, people brought her sand from many areas in Saudi Arabia. A friend who works at a water injection plant brought her white sand from 4000 ft. underground. The red hues of sand come from the Rub' Al Khali and the Ad Dahna areas. The most fascinating of all her gifts of sand was from a geologist friend, who, when turning over a rock in the desert, found some bright

yellow sand which dated back to the Cretaceous period when dinosaurs roamed the peninsula.

When Charlene and her husband are travelling, she keeps her eye out for anything that might be useful for her art work. She recently surprised customs officials here by bringing in a large bag of ochre-colored sand from Aswan in Egypt.

The process for crafting these sand creatures is a slow and time-consuming one. Charlene works on an "assembly-line" basis, with several items always in various stages of completion. With her sand mixture she builds layer upon layer, allowing each to dry before adding another. When the form is finished she accents the pieces with the different sands to add color and texture. Acrylic paints are then applied for the detail work.

"The fun in making these items is that they develop their own personality. It is a matter of trial and error, and I never know what the finished product will be; they are constant surprise," says Charlene of her "Sand Happy" creatures.

Because of her success with the sand creatures, Charlene has added a number of items for the personal of her customers. She has even created a selection of holiday decorations. Hand-drawn notecards with scenes of Saudi Arabia, some of which were drawn by her husband, are attractive and useful. When the local printer ran out of red duplicating ink, Charlene used actual sand to add contrast and texture to the notes. It was so successful that she offers this type of card as part of her regular stock now.

Her latest experiment has been with hand-painted scenes on white cotton. These

unique pictures are completely washable and are done with a paint made for this purpose which is available here.

"My most interesting medium at this time is a paint I brought from the States. It is a sort of solar-powered paint.

The colors develop on exposure to the sun. With these paints it is again a matter of trial and error. You don't see the true color until the picture has been completely dried in the sun so you are painting blind. Each picture is a mystery until it is completed," says Charlene.

Aside from being displayed at local art shows and bazaars, Charlene Peattie's "Sand Happy Creations" are offered at a number of stores in the Al-Khobar area, including the stationery store by the Al-Khobar Shopping Center on Pepsi-Cola Street, the Baharim Antique shop, and the Al-Gosaibi Hotel gift shop.

## From mosquitos to locusts, pests plague the world

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON — A plague of desert locusts is sweeping across the Horn of Africa. At least 67 separate swarms, with 4 billion locusts to a swarm, have been identified in Ethiopia and Somalia this summer.

In the United States the locust's smaller cousin, the grasshopper, is eating its way in near record numbers through the grass, corn and bean fields of the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. In the rich alfalfa fields of eastern Colorado, farmers have counted 180 grasshoppers per square meter.

"The last year it was this bad was 1958," said Richard Cowden of the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Service. "There are crop growers in Colorado who are already devastated this year by grasshoppers."

Not since the dust bowl days of the 1930s has the United States been so assailed by pests. The gypsy moth in the Northeast, the fire ant in the Southeast, the corn borer in the Midwest and the grasshopper in the Plains states now infest the nation in record numbers.

And the picture is the same through much of the rest of the world. Insect pests, long under control, are making a comeback.

Mosquitoes are one of the best examples, biting the world's population in such numbers that malaria is a worldwide disease again.

"Malaria is rapidly becoming major disease in parts of the world that haven't been troubled by malaria in 20 years," said Dr. Clifford Peas of the U.S. Agency for International Development. "Malaria is on its way to becoming a major international problem."

Rising counts of malaria are being recorded in Thailand, India, Lebanon, Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia and Haiti. Fully half the 200 million cases of malaria that struck the world in the last year have struck Africa. An estimated one million children died from malaria in the last year there.

The reasons for the rise in pestilence around the world are not simple. They involve climatic variations, changes in agricultural patterns, the banning of certain pesticides for environmental reasons and widespread insect resistance that makes others ineffective.

The main reason for the increase in malaria, which the World Health Organization estimates has risen more than 25 per cent in the last two years, is the rapid advance of mos-

quito resistance to insecticides.

No fewer than 43 species of malaria-carrying mosquitoes are immune to the potent BHC (Benzene hexachloride) and dieldrin, which almost wiped out the malaria mosquito 20 years ago. And the disease has grown resistant to antimalarial peninsulas.

Most pesticides are useless against the adult locust, which grow to a length of 10 centimeters and come together in swarms that block out the sun for hours at a time when they take to the sky.

Each locust eats its weight equivalent every day. They eat seeds, leaves, flowers fruit and bark. When they swarm onto trees their weight alone breaks the limbs, this year the 50 swarms identified in Ethiopia and the 17 in Somalia have eaten huge swaths of grassland as well as grains like millet, teff, sorghum and corn.

The people in Ethiopia and Somalia claim the locusts haven't damaged the food crops yet," said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Joseph Gentry, a leading expert in the desert locust. "If that's true, it's only a matter of time before it happens."

It was a similar cycle of drought followed by wet weather that brought out the grasshoppers in the American West. Like locusts, grasshoppers will eat almost anything. They'll eat on range grass but prefer crops if they can get them.

"I've seen them defoliate oak trees, and that's pretty hard eating," said Homer Autry of the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Service. "We have pictures of them eating wooden fence posts and pitchfork handles. Anything with cellulose

Grasshoppers don't migrate as widely and as quickly as locusts, but they move a lot faster than most other insects.

The federal government still sprays some grassland, because so much of it is federally owned, but even there the United States bears only one third of the cost.

The situation is analogous in the war against the African desert locust. Ten years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture financed the spraying of the African Horn with persistent pesticides that all but wiped out a threatening locust epidemic. This year no such spraying was permissible. — (WP)

**Russian soybeans**

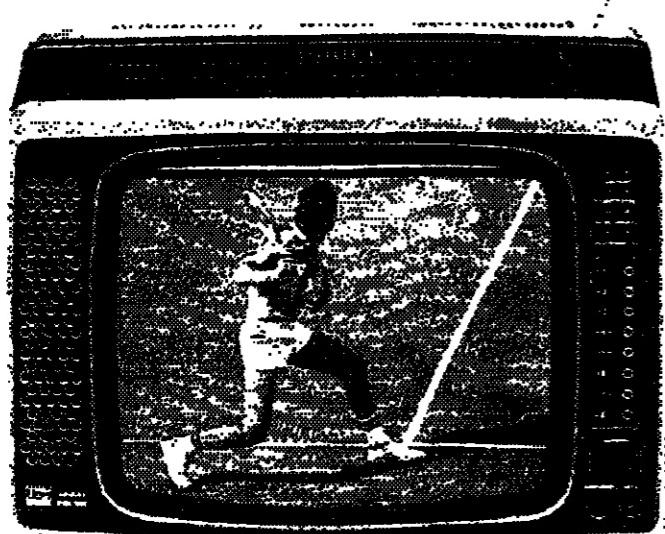
WASHINGTON — American soybean producers who have been worried for years about Brazilian competition in world markets for sales of their lucrative crop may have a new problem around the corner: the Russians.

Not that the Soviet Union might become an exporter,

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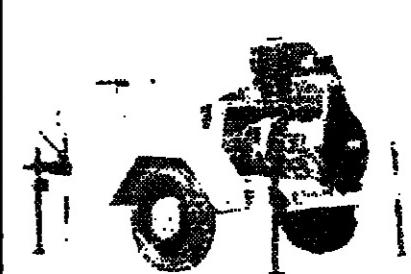
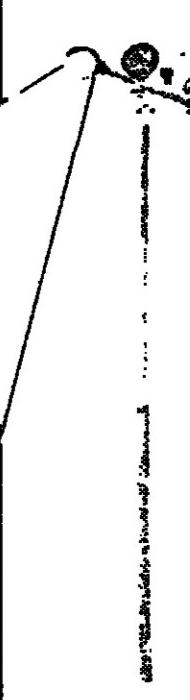


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## A. has no deal yet for Olympics

PARIS, Aug. 18 (AP) — Killian, president of the National Olympic Committee (IOC), said Friday there can be no agreement to free Los Angeles from financial stability if the city stages '84 Olympic games.

Said reports from Los Angeles in its difficulties, "we are trying to see if it's a way of meeting our obligations to the IOC," he said. "But the rules of the Olympic charter needs

## World swim set to open

RLIN, Aug. 18 (AP) — Third Swimming World Championships, buffeted by politics before they even started, opened Friday for what organizers hoped would be a 49-nation opening ceremony.

Organizers said all Soviet bloc countries, including East Germany with its nine world records to be on hand, will be present at the opening ceremony. Representatives of Soviet countries "gave their word" they would be present.

Harm Beyer, President of the West German swimming Association and one of the organizing committee for the West Berlin championships.

West German swimming is the host group for the 10-day championships, third ones held by the International Swimming Federation.

Diplomatic had been invited to use of the West flag in West

to be observed. The difficulties with Los Angeles involve rule four."

Rule four says the host city and the national Olympic committee of the host country shall be jointly responsible for running and financing the games.

Two weeks ago Robert Kane, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, told Los Angeles the USOC would be ready to guarantee a financial loss if the games go ahead in the California city.

IOC sources have said there is no basic objection to this, provided both Los Angeles and the U.S. Olympic Committee sign a contract.

In May the IOC provisionally awarded the 1984 games to Los Angeles on condition the city signed a contract by July 31. When the deadline was reached, and no contract had been signed, Mayor Tom Bradley said he would recommend to the Los Angeles City Council that the application for the games be withdrawn.

The IOC extended the deadline to Aug. 21 and persuaded Los Angeles to go on talking. The new deadline expires next Monday. Killian indicated it might be extended again by a few days, but if Los Angeles fails to stage the games the contract must be agreed before the IOC executive board goes into session at Lausanne Aug. 29.

Killian has authority as president to accept a contract. But if the issue is still unresolved the IOC executive board will discuss an alternative site.

Montreal, Munich and Mexico City, all previous host cities, have been reported ready to take over the 1984 games.

By Marcus Ellson

PARIS, Aug. 18 (AP) — It carried three brave Americans across the sea in the first-ever transatlantic journey by balloon. Once 11 stories high and carrying five tons, it lay collapsed in a grainfield, a fallen titan nipped to shreds for souvenirs.

Like the Eagle that carried three men to the moon and was abandoned to eternal orbit, the balloon called Double Eagle II will never serve man again.

But Larry Newman, Ben Abruzzo and Maxie Anderson, adventurers from Albuquerque, New Mexico, will join Charles Lindbergh, the Mongolian brothers, Amelia Earhart and Admiral Byrd in aviation's hall of fame.

Like the "Spirit of St. Louis" that propelled Lindbergh across the Atlantic for the first time 51 years ago, Double Eagle II landed in France.

And what remains of Double Eagle II is to be flown back to the United States to join Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington.

Newman, Abruzzo and Anderson received the same effusive, cheering welcome as a

smaller scale because they fell short of populous Paris.

Champagne corks popped, drenching the balloonists. Blue-informed gendarmes wearing the same flat-topped kepis that they sported in Lindbergh's time struggled to hold back hordes of applauding, autograph-seeking Frenchmen.

Many were motorists traveling the nearby highway who saw the gigantic balloon drifting earthward and stopped in astonishment. Others were villagers from the surrounding countryside.

More crowds gathered outside the U.S. Ambassador's residence to hail the conquering heroes as they arrived for a tearful rendezvous with their wives.

"My, did we have a welcome," the exhilarated three said in unison.

They fell 100 kilometers short of le Bourget Airport, Paris, where Lindbergh landed and where they also dreamed of putting down, because "Lindbergh has been an inspiration to many generations of Frenchmen and Americans," as Anderson put it.

Were they disappointed at not reaching Paris? "Slightly," said Abruzzo, 48. "But it is

only 50 miles short of our goal so we did cover 3,000 miles or so. We set the world record for endurance, the world record for distance and we did cross the Atlantic so we can't be too disappointed."

Six days earlier they had taken off from Maine and headed into the forbidding, endless expanses of the Atlantic, connected to base by nothing but a radio, and with nothing but the wind to carry them East.

Halfway across the ocean the dome of the 160,000-cubic-foot balloon became encrusted with ice and they dropped dangerously close to the roiling sea.

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lives and their mission depended on it. Capricious, treacherous, it was their only fuel.

They slept only four hours a night, lived on sardines and hot dogs.

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## Canadian Open

# Dibbs, Gottfried aim for finals

TORONTO, Aug. 18 (AP) — Top-seeded Eddie Dibbs and second-ranked Brian Gottfried breezed through their third-round matches Thursday en route to a possible Sunday showdown in the men's singles final of the Canadian Open tennis championship.

Dibbs defeated Kjell Johansson of Sweden 6-3, 6-3 and Gottfried had an equally easy time in beating Tom Okker of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-1. Both matches were played on a wind-swept center court at York University Tennis Center.

Six other men advanced into the quarter-finals of the \$210,000 tournament. Chris Lewis of New Zealand defeated defending men's singles champion Jeff Werwak 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 and Ivan Molina of Colombia upset 15th-seeded Hans Gidelemeister, a member of Chile's Davis Cup team.

In other tennis action, unheralded Eliot Teltscher registered his second upset in two days, stunning second-seeded Harold Solomon Thursday and advancing to the semi-finals.

Teltscher took away Solomon's baseline strategy by hitting backhand volleys into the corners and emerged with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 victory.

Teltscher is in his rookie season on the pro circuit. He upset seventh-seeded Australian Kim Warwick Tuesday with the same deliberate, steady style that marked his victory over Solomon.

Top-seeded Jimmy Connors advanced to the quarter-finals.

## U.S. swimmer wins marathon

TORONTO, Aug. 18 (R) — American marathon swimmer John Kinsella Wednesday crossed Lake Ontario in a record time of 12 hours, 49 minutes, on a 51-kilometer course, winning the \$25,000 first prize in an international race.

Kinsella, 28, and eight other competitors faced a thunderstorm and a rough surface.

Claudio Pitti of Argentina finished 4.5 kilometers behind Kinsella, taking the \$10,000 second prize. Other finishers included: Raul Villagomez, 28, Mexico; Egyptian national champion Magdy Moundour, 32; Jon Erickson, 23, Chicago; and Bill Heiss, 26, Denver, Colorado.

## Dodgers sweep Phillies

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP) — The Boston Lobsters, New York Apples and Los Angeles Strings have advanced to the semifinals of the World Team Tennis playoffs.

The lobsters defeated New Orleans 25-23 and the Apples beat the Anaheim Oranges 27-20 in East Division playoffs and the Strings eliminated the Golden Gators with a 30-29 overtime decision in Western Division play. All three teams won their series 2-0.

The Strings earned a spot in the Western final against the winner of the Seattle-San Diego Series. Seattle stopped San Diego 28-20 to even their series at 1-1.

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